

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

12.(New) A mixture for assaying at least one target nucleic acid, comprising:

(A) at least one target nucleic acid probe, and

(B) an internal standard nucleic acid,

wherein the at least one target nucleic acid probe (A) has a base sequence hybridizable with a portion of the base sequence of the at least one target nucleic acid and the at least one target nucleic acid probe is labeled at a 5'-end or 3'-end with a fluorescent dye which is fluorescence-quenched by interacting with guanine,

the internal standard nucleic acid (B) has a base sequence portion that is the same as the base sequence of the portion of the at least one target nucleic acid except that one of a first to third base as counted from the first base, which can be paired with the fluorescence-labeled base of the nucleic acid probe (A), and another base in the base sequence of the portion of the at least one target nucleic acid have been replaced with each other and one of the replaced bases is guanine, and

wherein the fluorescent dye is selected from the group consisting of Pacific Blue, TET, TBSF, HEX, rhodamine 6G, BODIPY FL and TAMRA.

13. (New) The mixture according to claim 12, wherein the mixture comprises at least two types of target nucleic acid probes each of which has the base sequence hybridizable with the portion of the at least one target nucleic acid, wherein one of the at least one target nucleic acid probe is labeled at a 5'-end with a first fluorescent dye, and the other

target nucleic acid probe is labeled at a 3'-end with a second fluorescent dye which is different from the first fluorescent dye.

14. (New) A mixture for assaying at least one target nucleic acid, comprising:

(A) at least one target nucleic acid probe, and

(B) an internal standard nucleic acid,

wherein the at least one target nucleic acid probe (A) has a base sequence hybridizable with a base sequence portion of the at least one target nucleic acid and the at least one target nucleic acid probe is labeled at 5'-end and 3'-end with different fluorescent dyes and wherein the different fluorescent dyes are fluorescence-quenched by interacting with guanine,

the internal standard nucleic acid (B) has a base sequence portion that is the same as the base sequence of the portion of the target nucleic acid except that one of a first to third base as counted from the first base, which can be paired with the fluorescence-labeled base of the nucleic acid probe (A), and another base in the base sequence of the portion of the at least one target nucleic acid have been replaced with each other and one of the replaced bases is guanine.

15. (New) The mixture according to claim 14, wherein the different fluorescent dyes are selected from the group consisting of Pacific Blue, TET, TBSF, HEX, rhodamine 6G, BODIPY FL and TAMRA.

16. A mixture for assaying at least one target nucleic acid, comprising:

(A) at least one target nucleic acid probe, and

(B) an internal standard nucleic acid,

wherein the at least one target nucleic acid probe (A) has a base sequence hybridizable with portions of the target nucleic acid and internal standard nucleic acid, and the at least one target nucleic acid probe is labeled at one of 5'-end and 3'-end with a fluorescent dye which is fluorescence-quenched by interacting with guanine, is labeled at the other one of the 5'-end and 3'-end with a quencher, and has cytosine as a base at one of the 5'-end and 3'-end,

the internal standard nucleic acid (B) has a base sequence portion that is the same as that a corresponding portion of the at least one target nucleic acid and is hybridizable with the at least one target nucleic acid probe (A), and has guanine as a base that can pair with the cytosine at one of the 5'-end and 3'-end of the at least one nucleic acid probe (A), and, when the target nucleic acid contains, on an outer side of a base sequence of said portion thereof, guanine at neither a second base nor a third base as counted from a first base paired with a base at the other one of the 5'-end and 3'-end of the target nucleic probe (A), the internal standard nucleic acid (B) contains guanine as at least one of the second and third bases on an outer side of said base sequence, and

when the at least one target nucleic acid contains, on said outer side of the base sequence of the portion, guanine as at least one of the second and third bases, the internal standard nucleic acid (B) contains guanine as neither the second base nor the third base on the outer side of the base sequence.

17. The mixture according to claim 16, wherein the fluorescent dye is selected from the group consisting of Pacific Blue, TET, TBSF, HEX, rhodamine 6G, BODIPY FL, and TAMRA.

18. The mixture according to claim 16, wherein the quencher is selected from the group consisting of DABCYL, QSY7, QSY33, Ferrocene, methyl viologen, N,N'-dimethyl-2,9-diazopyrenium, BHQ and Eclipse.